Union Member - here is your May, 2020 e-newsletter (with updates since early April):

**Equipping Members with Information During the Pandemic**

Further COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) crisis-related resources and updates available online have over the past four weeks been added to the AFT Connecticut website:

- Click here for our Healthcare division main page.
- Click here for our PreK-12 teachers division main page.
- Click here for our Public Employees division main page.
- Click here for our Paras & School-Related Personnel (PSRP) division main page.
- Click here for our Higher Education division main page.

**Offering Solidarity Online on May Day**

AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel joined union leaders to deliver a virtual message to labor activists across the world battling Coronavirus and its impact. [Click here to watch the clip](https://example.com). Labour Start aired during its first-ever worldwide May Day video broadcast.

**Discussing Distance Learning on “AFT in Action”**

The presidents of our state federation and the Connecticut Education Association (CEA) in late April co-hosted a COVID-19 tele-town hall for teachers. [Click here for highlights of their conversation with education department leaders, who joined them to answer members’ questions](https://example.com).

**"Fighting Like Hell for the Living"**

State and local union leaders in late April came together to contribute video messages to the Connecticut AFL-CIO’s annual Workers Memorial Day commemoration. [Click here to share the full program, featuring Jan Hochadel's call to honor victims of workplace gun violence](https://example.com).
Securing Pay and Opportunities to Support their Students

Leaders of AFT Connecticut-affiliated PSRP unions have since their school buildings closed in mid March negotiated with district officials to keep members working. Click here to learn how two locals mobilized to win strong agreements that would "build each other up."

Demanding Respect for Frontline Health Professionals

Members of our affiliated local unions at three Hartford HealthCare (HHC)-operated facilities in mid April launched a community petition targeting the network’s senior executives. Click here to add your name to their demand for protective gear and hazard pay during the pandemic.

Urging Lawmakers Act to Protect Working Families *

State federation leaders in early April began mobilizing union activists to advocate for the Connecticut AFL-CIO's proposed agenda for an official Coronavirus response. Click here to learn more about the action launched before the General Assembly's 2020 legislative session was canceled.

Elevating Caregivers’ Concerns Over PPE Shortages

Labor activists and leaders in early May participated in a virtual round-table forum on personal protective equipment (PPE) issues faced by frontline health workers. Click here for a photo of participants urging U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal take federal action to help.

Upcoming Activities & Events

- Ongoing: "Supplies for Healthcare Heroes" PPE Drive
- May 9: AFT CT 73rd Annual Business Convention
- May 12: Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update
- Through May 15: "Thank a Hero" Sweepstakes
- May 19: Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update
- May 26: Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update
- June 2: Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update

Featured Benefit

- AFT+: Trauma Counseling & Services

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